(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) has been introduced by the Government of India from the year 2000-2001 for the welfare of the Handloom Weavers all over the country including the weavers of Bihar State. The proposal received from the State Government of Bihar was, however, not in conformity with the guidelines, and hence it was returned to the State Government for revising and forwarding the same in accordance with the guidelines on the subject.

(b) DDHPY is a comprehensive scheme for the Handloom sector, to take care of a wide gamut of activities such as product development, infrastructure support, institutional support, training to weavers, supply of equipment and market support in an integrated and coordinated manner for an overall development of the sector. The scheme attempts at meeting the needs of weavers for working capital, basic inputs, creating awareness and providing support for quality fabric production. Under this scheme, the sharing between the Centre and the States is in the ratio 50:50 except in respect of North-Eastern States where the ratio is 90:10. If all the members of the beneficiary agency belong to SC/ST/Minorities/Women, the funding pattern is in the ratio of 75:25. In respect of all the States, the assistance for marketing incentives is in the ratio of 50:50.

(c) Does not arise.

Involvement of State Governments to facilitate growth in export

3313. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile Ministry is working on a plan to involve the State Governments to facilitate growth in exports;

(b) if so, whether State Governments have been taken into confidence about the implementation of these plans;

(c) whether any targets are being fixed for each State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) A conference of State Ministers and Secretaries incharge of Textiles was held on 10.4.2001 to emphasise partnership of States in overall development of textile sector and, thereby, facilitate growth in exports. The proposed schemes like Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) for development of textile centres and setting up of Apparel Parks for Exports are being promoted in partnership with the States. Union Minister for Textiles has also written to the Ministers incharge of Textiles of all States/Union Territories emphasising modernisation and upgradation of garment processing and weaving units both in the organised and unorganised sectors and for ushering an environment conducive to labour productivity.

(c) and (d) State-wise export target is not fixed by the Government

Development of sericulture in A.P.

3314. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any programme for promoting the development of sericulture in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role is being played by the Central Silk Board in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing the following sericulture projects/schemes in the IX Plan for promoting development of sericulture in the country including Andhra Pradesh:—

1. Catalytic Development Programme:

With a view to assist the silk industry and to supplement the efforts of the State Governments including Andhra Pradesh, 36 schemes under the Catalytic Development Programmes are being implemented in the country during DC Plan. The schemes cover activities ranging from food plant cultivation to marketing of products in mulberry, tasar, eri and muga silk sectors.

2. Project for Promotion of Popularizing of the Practical Bivoltine Sericulture Technology (PPPPBST):

The CSB has been implementing this project with the assistance of